

What is Claimed Is:

1. A method of communicating data in a mobile communications network, the method comprising:

recording a voice message for delivery from an initiating device to a terminating device, wherein the initiating device and terminating device are configured to communicate over the mobile communications network;

converting the recorded voice message to a text message using a speech-to-text conversion process; and

delivering the text message to the terminating device by way of a text messaging service implemented over the mobile communications network for delivering text messages from the initiating device to the terminating device.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the speech-to-text conversion process resides in the initiating device to convert the voice message to the text message.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the speech-to-text conversion process resides in the mobile communications network to convert the voice message to the text message.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the text messaging service is a short messaging service (SMS).

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the text messaging service is an extended messaging service (EMS).

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the text messaging service is a multi-media messaging service (MMS).

7. The method of claim 1, wherein a message mode is defined to indicate that the voice message should be converted to a text message.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the message mode is set by a party using the initiating device.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the message mode is set by a party using the terminating device.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the recorded voice message is deleted after the text message is delivered to the terminating device.

11. A method of communicating data in a mobile communications network, the method comprising:

recording a voice message for delivery from an initiating device to a terminating device, wherein the initiating device and the terminating device are configured to communicate over the mobile communications network;

delivering the voice message to the terminating device over the mobile communications network; and

converting the recorded voice message to a text message using a speech-to-text conversion process residing on the terminating device.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising displaying the text message on the terminating device.

13. The method of claim 11 further comprising delivering the text message from the terminating device to the terminating device using a text messaging service.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the text messaging service is a short messaging service (SMS).

15. The method of claim 13, wherein the text messaging service is an extended messaging service (EMS).

16. The method of claim 13, wherein the text messaging service is a multi-media messaging service (MMS).

17. A communications device comprising:

means for interfacing with a voice recording mechanism to record a voice message for transmission to a first mobile device connected to a mobile communications network; and

means for choosing for the voice message to be converted to a text message via a speech-to-text conversion process, wherein the text message is delivered to the first mobile device by way of a text messaging service implemented over the mobile communications network.

18. The communications device of claim 17, wherein the text messaging service is a short messaging service (SMS).

19. The communications device of claim 17, wherein the text messaging service is an extended messaging service (EMS).

20. The communications device of claim 17, wherein the text messaging service is a multi-media messaging service (MMS).

21. A mobile device configured for communicating voice data over a mobile communications network, the mobile device comprising:

a microphone for receiving voice data to be transmitted to a target mobile device over the mobile communications network;

a speech-to-text converter for converting the voice data to text data; and

a text messaging mechanism for transmitting the text data over the mobile communications network to the target mobile device.

22. The mobile device of claim 21, wherein the text messaging service is a short messaging service (SMS).

23. The mobile device of claim 21, wherein the text messaging service is an extended messaging service (EMS).

24. The mobile device of claim 21, wherein the text messaging service is a multi-media messaging service (MMS).

25. A first mobile device configured for communicating data over a mobile communications network, the mobile device comprising:

a receiver for receiving voice data transmitted over the mobile communications network;

a speech-to-text converter for converting the voice data to text data; and

a text messaging interface for communicating the text data to a target mobile device over the mobile communications network.

26. The mobile device of claim 25, wherein the first mobile device is the target mobile device.